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### CURRENT QUARANTINE MEASURES.

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#### PLAGUE.

BRITISH EAST INDIES.—March 31. Quarantine measures at the port of Orissa against Tellicherry suspended.

GERMAN EMPIRE.—April 25. Vessels and passengers arriving at German ports from ports in Venezuela subject to medical inspection before receiving free pratique.

TURKEY.—April 20. Arrivals from Alexandria subject to five days' quarantine and measures of disinfection, including rat destruction.

#### AUSTRALIA.

*Plague at Brisbane, Kempsey, and Sydney—Examination of rodents for plague infection.*

The following information is taken from plague bulletins issued by the department of health of Queensland and New South Wales and forwarded by Consul-General Bray at Melbourne:

#### QUEENSLAND.

*Brisbane.*—Week ended March 7. A case of bubonic plague occurred March 3 in the person of a warehouse employee. Active measures for disinfection and rat destruction were carried out. Six guinea-pigs were allowed to run free in certain parts of the warehouse. Of this number, 2 died of plague. Of 237 rats taken from the warehouse between February 12 and March 2, 19 were found to be plague infected. Total number of rodents destroyed during the week, 603; examined, 527; found infected 0. Week ended March 14. Two fatal cases of plague. One case occurred in the person of an employee in the same warehouse with the case reported during the previous week. Bacteriological examination showed plague infection present in 5 guinea-pigs; 6 rat fleas were found to contain *bacillus pestis*. No rats were found on the premises on which the second case occurred. Total number of rats destroyed during the week, 372; examined, 287; found infected, 0. Week ended March 21. Rodents destroyed, 362; examined, 266; found infected, 0. Week ended March 28. Rodents destroyed, 497; examined, 393; found infected, 1. The